



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jeremy C.A. Procter

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Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-27, we submit this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Also enclosed with this office action response is a three-month extension of time. Please amend the claims of the above-captioned patent application as follows:

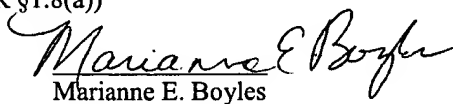
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §§1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being:

- ☒ deposited with the United States Post Service on this date, July 30, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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Dated: July 30, 2004

  
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